

# ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS

## Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Program

*Serving Victims of*  
**Violent  
Crime**



## 2019 Annual Report

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## **MISSION**

*The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparation Board pledges to serve the needs of eligible victims of crime, and their dependents, who have suffered personal injury or death as the result of a violent crime. The Board and its staff recognize the special needs of those victimized by violent crime and accept the responsibility to provide financial assistance to victims who qualify under program guidelines. In this way, the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board and staff are committed to restoring the lives that have been impacted by violence.*

## **GOALS**

*The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparation program goals is to provide compensation for victims' unexpected expenses, such as medical treatment, mental-health counseling, rehabilitation, lost wages, replacement services and funeral expenses*

**Every Crime Victim  
Matters**



# ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION BOARD

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

On behalf of the entire Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board (ACVRB) and its staff members, it is my distinct honor and great privilege to present the ACVRB 2019 Annual Report. This report covers the activities of the ACVRB from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The Board and staff strive to provide timely and much needed financial assistance to the citizens of Arkansas who have suffered personal injury or loss as a result of a violent crime.

This report overviews the ACVRB mission and goals, identifies Board members and staff, provides a summary of claims received and awarded, and covers total compensation paid out to Crime Victims and Sexual Assault Victims. The report also provides a county-by-county breakdown of the number of awarded claims and compensation received by citizens of each Arkansas county, plus some examples of types of financial assistance paid out by the ACVRB. Finally, the report highlights the Board's annual participation in the National Crime Victims' Rights Week celebration in Arkansas, at which time the Board honors recipients of the Crime Victims Advocate of the Year award.

2019 was a year of transition for the ACVRB, as we transitioned from oversight by the Attorney General's Office to the administrative responsibility of the Arkansas Department of Public Safety. Thanks to the Attorneys General of Arkansas who housed the ACVRB since its inception in 1988, and special thanks to Attorney General Leslie Rutledge who most recently provided us with much support. The transition to the Department of Public Safety was smooth and seamless, and we are very grateful for the leadership and guidance of Jami Cook, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, as we were welcomed to our new administrative home.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this report, or about the operations of the ACVRB, please contact the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board at 501-682-1020 or 501-682-1323.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice K. Church, Ph.D., Chairman of the ACVRB

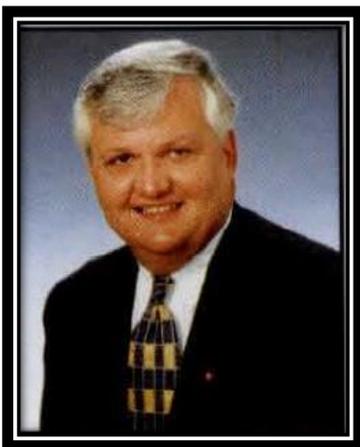
# ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION BOARD



**Dr. Janice Church**

Chairman  
Little Rock

The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board was created by the legislature in 1987 in order to help minimize the financial burden realized by victims of violent crime. Since its inception, the Board has disbursed millions of dollars to crime victims. Although this financial assistance did not erase the scars left by violent crime, it did help many people to rebuild their lives.



**Louis Jones**

Member  
Fayetteville



**Colleen Nick**

Member  
Alma



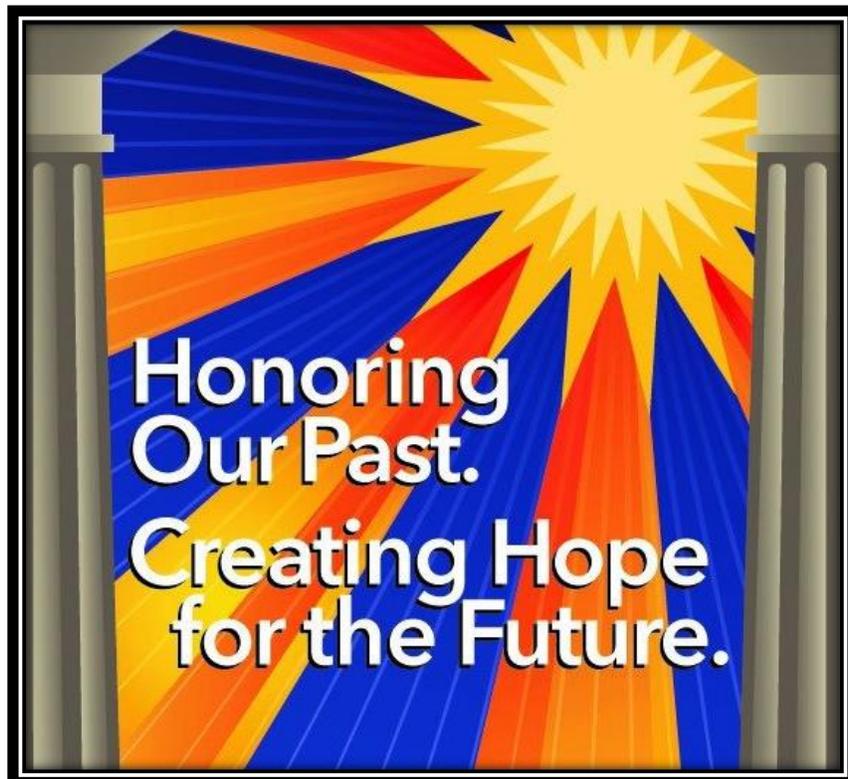
**Bryce Brewer**

Member  
Little Rock

# ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION BOARD

PAID AMOUNT

<b>2019</b>			
	<i>Received</i>	<i>Awarded</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
<i>Crime Victims</i>	731	348	\$1,159,326.23
<i>Sexual Assault</i>	1339	1175	\$1,044,051.88
<i>Total Claims</i>	<b>2070</b>	<b>1523</b>	<b>\$2,203,378.11</b>



# ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION STAFF



**Lynette Parham**  
Crime Victims Reparation  
Administrator



**Tonia Hooks**  
Investigator



**Varnell Messer**  
Claims Specialist



**Melinda Perkins**  
Investigator



**Michaela Thomas**  
Fiscal Specialist

## NEW AWARDS BY COUNTY

	Claims	Total
Arkansas	15	\$15,001.31
Ashley	10	\$18,979.64
Baxter	14	\$14,390.04
Benton	144	\$157,287.64
Boone	33	\$29,183.08
Bradley	2	\$1,790.67
Carroll	16	\$14,812.21
Chicot	1	*\$0.00
Clark	5	\$11,629.38
Clay	1	*\$0.00
Cleburne	19	\$19,524.52
Cleveland	2	\$6,633.11
Columbia	10	\$48,930.32
Conway	3	\$2,384.89
Craighead	33	\$38,536.71
Crawford	76	\$69,031.48
Crittenden	25	\$80,689.70
Cross	2	\$1,927.10
Dallas	5	\$3,105.77
Desha	1	\$3,966.42
Drew	7	\$16,019.03
Faulkner	30	\$38,445.66
Franklin	9	\$10,090.90
Garland	58	\$61,758.65
Grant	2	\$2,614.46
Greene	13	\$21,076.59
Hempstead	10	\$7,362.49
Hot Springs	5	\$5,233.66
Howard	10	\$18,149.89

	<b>Claims</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Independence</b>	25	\$32,377.69
<b>Jackson</b>	7	\$13,081.66
<b>Jefferson</b>	66	\$176,592.29
<b>Johnson</b>	6	\$9,375.99
<b>Lafayette</b>	5	\$17,656.21
<b>Lawrence</b>	2	\$1,972.13
<b>Lee</b>	9	\$31,757.10
<b>Lincoln</b>	5	\$2,448.91
<b>Little River</b>	4	\$3,895.59
<b>Logan</b>	14	\$20,950.01
<b>Lonoke</b>	41	\$22,709.34
<b>Madison</b>	9	\$6,026.16
<b>Marion</b>	3	\$2,621.76
<b>Miller</b>	29	\$40,902.36
<b>Mississippi</b>	14	\$57,033.35
<b>Monroe</b>	3	\$1,569.36
<b>Montgomery</b>	5	\$6,484.19
<b>Newton</b>	2	\$1,760.88
<b>Other State</b>	1	\$964.65
<b>Ouachita</b>	8	\$24,085.95
<b>Perry</b>	1	\$2,423.41
<b>Phillips</b>	12	\$49,752.01
<b>Pike</b>	3	\$2,428.50
<b>Poinsett</b>	5	\$14,105.50
<b>Polk</b>	20	\$23,294.97
<b>Pope</b>	6	\$9,948.78
<b>Prairie</b>	3	\$2,644.89
<b>Pulaski</b>	205	\$415,088.69
<b>Randolph</b>	6	\$18,441.06
<b>Saline</b>	31	\$36,421.33
<b>Scott</b>	11	\$9,728.12
<b>Searcy</b>	3	\$2,582.64
<b>Sebastian</b>	129	\$116,615.89
<b>Sharp</b>	5	\$4,080.05

	Claims	Total
St. Francis	5	\$33,521.76
Stone	3	\$2,868.52
Union	15	\$22,950.39
Van Buren	3	\$2,718.75
Washington	176	\$166,284.36
White	50	\$49,743.89
Woodruff	5	\$5,094.42
Yell	7	\$19,819.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1523</b>	<b>\$2,203,378.11</b>

\*This amount denotes a payment was awarded but not yet paid  
Pending additional information

## VICTIM PAYOUTS

- A 16 year-old Garland County girl was driving to school when she was carjacked by four men. She was shot five times and left in the middle of the road. The Crime Victims' Program was able to help pay some of the medical expenses incurred.
- A 42 year-old Randolph County woman was a victim of domestic violence and sustained multiple injuries. The Crime Victims' program was able to help pay her medical expense and the lost wages incurred.
- A 35 year-old Union County man was walking on the street when he was struck by a vehicle operated by a drunk driver. The driver stole a vehicle from a car lot where he worked and was speeding when the vehicle jumped the curb and struck the victim, causing multiple injuries. The Crime Victims' Program was able to help the victim with medical expenses and lost wages.
- A 75 year-old Lee County man was robbed, then shot and killed by two juveniles while cleaning his property. The Crime Victims' Program was able to pay his funeral expenses and assist immediate family members with lost wages incurred as a result of the victimization.
- A 15 year-old Cleburne County boy was sexually assaulted by his uncle over a period of several years. The Crime Victims' Program was able to pay counseling expenses for him as well as his immediate family members.

# CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Crime Victims of the Year Award is an annual presentation of the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board. The purpose of the award is to recognize Arkansans who are outstanding advocates in their role of providing service to victims of violent crime. The Crime Victims Advocate of the Year Award is presented during Crime Victims' Rights Week which is held in April.



**The Board selected two outstanding Victim Advocates in 2019:**



Roberta Sick of Little Rock



Cheryl Jefferson of Monticello